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**DECLARATION FOR
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	NO
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Additional foreign application numbers are not listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

I/we hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

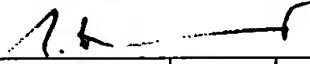
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